

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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10 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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MALIBU MEDIA, LLC,

No. C 15-04247 WHA

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Plaintiff,

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v.
JOHN DOE SUBSCRIBER ASSIGNED
IP ADDRESS 67.169.187.169,

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15 ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
SERVE THIRD-PARTY
SUBPOENA PRIOR TO
RULE 26(f) CONFERENCE

Defendant.

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17 Plaintiff, Malibu Media, LLC, alleges that it owns registered copyrights in various
pornographic films and that John Doe defendant directly infringed those copyrights by
18 distributing the films on the Internet, using the above-captioned IP address. Malibu Media now
19 seeks leave to serve a subpoena on third party Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, in order
20 to ascertain the identity of the subscriber using that IP address prior to a Rule 26(f) conference.
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Malibu Media's motion is hereby **GRANTED**. This is without prejudice to any motions
23 to quash or modify the subpoena that may be filed by any interested party, including Comcast or
the subscriber assigned to the IP address. Furthermore, the following limitations apply:
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- The subpoena shall only request the actual name and address of the
subscriber to whom Comcast assigned the above-captioned IP address.
- The subpoena shall only seek the name and address of the subscriber for
the time frame from **FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE** the date of the first alleged
infringing act to **FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER** the date of the last alleged
infringing act.
- Malibu Media shall attach a copy of this order to the subpoena.

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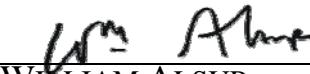
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1 • Malibu Media may not use any information disclosed by Comcast for any
2 purpose other than protecting its rights as set forth in the complaint.
3 • Comcast shall, in turn, serve a copy of the subpoena and a copy of this
4 order on the subscriber within **TWENTY-FOUR DAYS** of the date of service
5 on Comcast.
6 • The return date on the subpoena shall be no less than **FORTY-FIVE DAYS**
7 from the date of service on Comcast. Comcast shall not disclose any
8 identifying information about defendant to Malibu Media prior to the
9 return date or prior to the resolution of any motions to quash or modify
10 the subpoena.
11 • Malibu Media shall not disclose defendant's name, address, telephone
12 number, email, social media username, or any other identifying
13 information, other than defendant's IP address, that it may subsequently
14 learn. All documents including defendant's identifying information,
15 apart from his or her IP address, shall be filed under seal, with all such
16 information redacted on the public docket, unless and until the Court
17 orders otherwise and only after defendant has had an opportunity to
18 challenge the disclosure of any identifying information. Malibu Media
19 explicitly consented to the inclusion of such a protection in its motion.
20 • In its proposed order (but not in its motion) Malibu Media also sought
21 leave to serve subpoenas on "any service provider that is identified in
22 response to a subpoena as a provider of Internet services to Defendant."
23 Malibu Media must seek leave to serve subpoenas on any other service
24 provider besides Comcast in this matter.

25 Any motions relating to the subpoena or the protective order discussed above shall be
26 filed prior to the return date of the subpoena.

27 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

28 Dated: October 18, 2015.



WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE